

## HERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU CAN DO

Ensure that the stormwater leaving your yard and street is clean before it enters the water supply. Here are some things you can do. Remember, preventing stormwater pollution is simple and easy!

- Don't be a litterbug!
- Fix automobile leaks.
- Use only recommended amounts of fertilizers and pesticides (read the label).
- Do not place oil and chemicals in the drain or trash.
- Compost lawn waste.
- Minimize outdoor water use.
- Choose less toxic cleaning products.
- Plant vegetation native to your area.
- Clean up after your pets.

**Preventing stormwater pollution is good for everyone, especially for kids! The Navy supports and encourages pollution prevention activities on all bases and installations, not just this one. So please do your part wherever you go.**

Used together, the practices covered here will make a tremendous difference! But this is not all you can do - more helpful tips are available in additional brochures.

This information is brought to you by your good neighbor and steward CNRMA.

### For Additional Information:

Please call PWC Regional Environmental Group at 444-3009

Naval Station Norfolk: ext. 389

Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek: ext 388

Naval Air Station Oceana: ext. 394

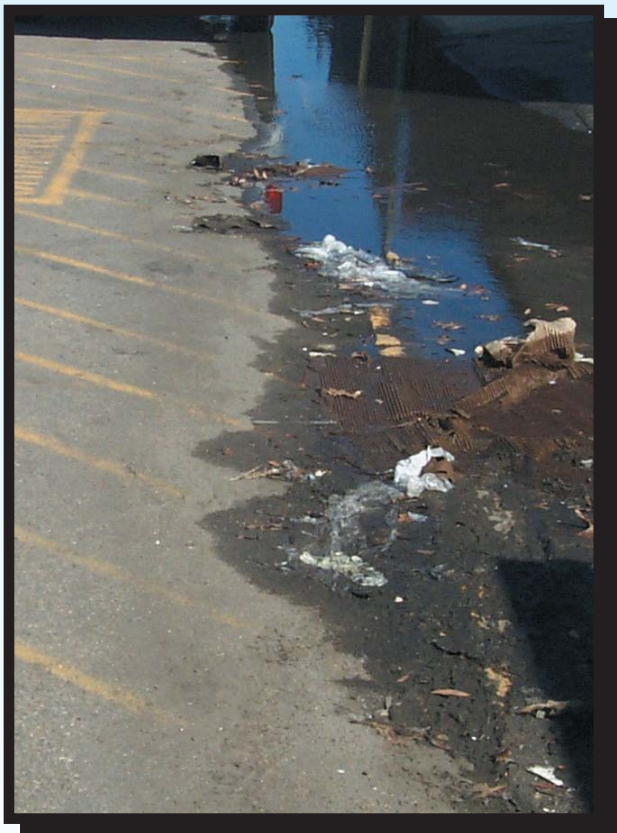
# BE PART OF THE POLLUTION SOLUTION!

PREVENTING  
STORMWATER  
POLLUTION  
IS SIMPLE & EASY!

## WHAT IS STORMWATER?

Stormwater is the water from rain, sleet, or snow melt that runs off our yards and streets into nearby lakes, rivers, bays, and streams.

In the photograph below, you can see how melting snow creates small ponds of water in the corner of the parking lot. As the water drains, it will take the parking lot trash with it, changing storm water into stormwater pollution.



## WHAT IS STORMWATER POLLUTION?

Stormwater is not treated at a sewage treatment plant. It carries whatever is on our yards and streets, such as trash, pet waste, fertilizers, motor oil, and cigarette butts directly to the nearest stream, river, lake, or bay.



## WHY IS STORMWATER POLLUTION IMPORTANT TO ME?

Stormwater directly affects all of us. Stormwater runs into streams, rivers, lakes, and bays. We swim in this water, fish in this water, and even drink this water. It is important for us to keep this water clean. And clean water begins with every one of us.

Everyone CAN make a difference. If everybody does their own small part, it will add up to a reduction in stormwater pollution. But we all must work together to prevent stormwater pollution.

If we do nothing, stormwater pollution will continue to be a problem and could result in:

- Drinking water contamination
- Dead fish and wildlife
- Destruction of wildlife habitat
- Beach closures
- Erosion of streams and river banks
- Flooding in our towns and homes

**The good news is that everyone can be a part of the solution...**